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SUBJECT: UK AID TO CYPRUS AND TURKEY

1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING AND FCO
OFFICIALS JUNE 16, BRITISH VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION ON
NEW UK LOAN FOR CYPRUS AND BRITISH MISSION TO REVIEW
EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS FOR TURKISH POLICE.

2. CYPRUS LOAN. HEAD OF FCO'S SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPT
(DAUNT) SAID UK HAD DECIDED TO OFFER 7.5 MILLION POUND
LOAN TO GOC FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE MUTUALLY-AGREEABLE TO
UK AND GOC AND OF BENEFIT TO BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.
GOC IS NOW CONSIDERING THIS OFFER.

3. NATURE OF PROJECTS AND MODE OF ADMINISTRATION TO
MEET CRITERIA IN PARA 2 HAVE NOT BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL
BY FCO, BUT NO UN CHANNELS ARE ENVISAGED. FCO
DESCRIBED TERMS OF LOAN AS "SOFT" AND OBSERVED THAT USUAL
UK DEVELOPMENT LOAN CRITERIA HAD BEEN "STRETCHED" TO MAKE
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GESTURE TO GOC.

4. FCO EXPLAINED THAT UK HAD EXTENDED 13 MILLION POUNDS
IN EARLY 1960S, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
CONCLUDED AT SAME TIME AS TREATY OF ESTABLISHMENT
("ANNEX R"). THIS AGREEMENT CALLED FOR FURTHER CONSULTA-
TIONS TO CONSIDER AID IN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR PERIODS

FOLLOWING 1965, BUT THESE WERE NEVER HELD. PRESENT HMG PROPOSAL STIPULATES THAT UK OFFER SATISFIES ANY OBLIGATIONS THOUGHT TO ARISE UNDER 1960 AGREEMENT, THOUGH OFFER ITSELF IS NOT LINKED TO IT.

5. TURKISH POLICE ASSISTANCE. DAUNT ALSO MENTIONED UK HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO ECEVIT'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKISH POLICE. BRITISH TEAM (FROM HOME OFFICE) WAS IN MIDST OF THREE-WEEK VISIT TO REVIEW TURKISH TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS, PARTICULARLY IN ANTI-TERRORISM. THERE MAY BE SOME LIMITED TRAINING IN UK, BUT FCO HOPES TO KEEP PROGRAM MINIMAL (IN AREA OF 100,000 POUNDS) AND, MOST OF ALL, UNPUBLICIZED.

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